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New Online Reports Available December 15

Development Services Releases 2013 P&Z Calendar

The City of San Marcos Planning & Development Services Department is releasing its 2013 Planning and Zoning Commission calendar to incorporate the same interactive agenda process used by City Council and plans to introduce several new user-friendly online reports in December.

The enhanced 2013 Planning and Zoning calendar uses a 43-day application schedule rather than the current 30-day schedule in order to offer consistency with the City Council process.

The new agenda will be in effect for the first 2013 Planning and Zoning Commission meeting scheduled for Tuesday, January 8, 2013. The application deadline for the January meeting will be November 26, 2012.

“Aligning the Planning & Zoning schedule to the City Council process provides consistency and transparency in the planning and development process,” said Matthew Lewis, Director of Planning & Development Services. “Transparency is a vital for effective communication and community engagement.”

At the time of plat application submission, applicants will receive a set date for the receipt of plat comments from staff, as well as their scheduled Commission consideration date if comments are addressed thoroughly. This new date certain feature offers more certainty during the review process for all involved parties.

“The new calendar and process is beneficial to both applicants and staff,” said Kristy Stark, Assistant Director of Planning & Development Services. “It establishes guidelines and expectations, eliminates guess work on timelines and turns the process into a true partnership.”

As of January 2013, agenda items will be handled entirely online and will be available for public viewing on the Planning & Development Services website five days prior to each Planning and Zoning Commission meeting at <http://www.sanmarcostx.gov/agendas>.

In addition to the calendar and agenda changes, Development Services plans to release several new online reports in December to expand on the monthly permit report currently available. These reports include:

- A monthly planning report of all cases with their review status
- A multi-family project report of all projects submitted, under review or in construction

Visit www.sanmarcostx.gov after December 15 to access the new reports on both the Permit Center and Planning & Development Services departmental pages. For questions, please contact Planning & Development Services at 512.393.8230.

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